

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of forming a decorative motif on a component of a lighting or indicating apparatus for a motor vehicle, including
a step of forming ~~the~~ said component in a predetermined material,
a step of completely metallising said component; and
~~wherein the said method includes~~ a step of exposing at least one surface of the said metallised component to laser radiation[[]], to selectively remove, by laser radiation, the metal on at least one surface of said metallised component.
2. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of surfaces of ~~the~~ said component are exposed to the said laser radiation.
3. (cancelled)
4. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the said predetermined material is a plastics material and ~~the~~ said step of exposing it to laser radiation is such that the colour of ~~the~~ said surface is modified with respect to the colour of ~~the~~ said plastics material.
5. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of exposure to

laser radiation is performed by means of a laser selected from the group consisting of a YAG laser, a CO₂ laser, or a machining laser.

6. (currently amended) A component for a lighting or indicating apparatus for a motor vehicle obtained by a method according to Claim 1, ~~the~~ said component being of a predetermined material and having at least one surface which is obtained after exposure to laser radiation.
7. (currently amended) A component obtained by the method of Claim 3, ~~the~~ said component being of plastics material and having a metallised surface and a nonmetallised surface which is obtained after selective removal of the metal by laser radiation.
8. (currently amended) A component according to Claim 7, wherein ~~the~~ said plastics material is coloured.
9. (currently amended) A component according to Claim 7, wherein ~~the~~ said plastics material is a thermoplastic material.
10. (previously presented) A component according to Claim 6, having a plurality of surfaces obtained after exposure to laser radiation.